

**Lanesboro City Council and Lanesboro Public Utilities  
Joint Meeting  
Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Council Chambers at 5:30 p.m.**

**Council:**

Present: Steve Rahn, Tom Dybing, Joe O'Connor and Ceil Allen

Absent: Vince Jeannette

**Utilities Commission:**

Present: Jerry Evenson, Joe O'Connor and Dennis Schuck

Absent:

Visitors: Mike Bubany of David Drown & Associates, Lisa Brainard, Jade Wangen, Brian Luna and Tom Manion

**JOINT MEETING:**

The Joint City Council and Public Utilities meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Rahn.

**AGENDA:**

The agenda was approved with a motion by Dybing, with the movement of the Farmer's Market down to Housekeeping and the additions of John Dahle access drive off of Zenith and an additional bill under paying of the bills, second O'Connor, motion carried.

**MINUTES:**

The minutes from the regular City Council meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 were approved with a motion from O'Connor, second Allen, motion carried.

The minutes from the Public Utilities meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 were approved with a motion by O'Connor, second Schuck, motion carried.

**PERSONS WITH BUSINESS BEFORE THE JOINT COUNCIL:**

**Mike Bubany of David Drown & Associates – Capital Planning:**

Bubany pulled up on the screen the existing Capital Planning module for the City of Lanesboro with updated numbers that he had received from Vickerman. Many scenarios were given and numbers were researched to see where certain projects would put taxes, utility rates and overall debt. Street projects were implemented; the dam project was implemented, along with the Community Center and other projects. Bubany stated that he would send out by e-mail charts that would break down the various scenarios that were presented.

**Mike Bubany of David Drown & Associates – TIF vs. Tax Abatement:**

Vickerman asked Bubany to explain the difference between TIF and Tax Abatement, because the options have come up with the recent discussions on the grocery store. Bubany noted that the TIF option is much more regulated, however the City would not need agreement from each entity; school, city and county. Tax Abatement would only be used if the entities agreed, or only the entities that do approve would be used as the benefit. He noted that tax abatement is not as regulated. He said both are great options, it would depend on the type of project that would be financed. He stated that some tax abatements have taken over a year to get approved.

**COMMITTEES:**

**Greg Davids 2/26/10 and Sharon Ropes 2/27/10:**

The Council members that attended each meeting had the same perception of the meetings that the future of LGA is definitely questionable and that more decisions are going to have to be made locally. Neither legislator was sure of the status of the funds for the dam.

**HOUSEKEEPING:****City Paying of the bills:**

Dybing made a motion to pay the City bills, plus the cabinet bill from Rory Berkvam for \$1200 and other bills that come up and were deemed necessary to pay by the City Administrator, second O'Connor

**PU Paying of the Bills:**

O'Connor made motion to pay the bills as presented and other bills that come up and were deemed necessary to pay by the City Administrator, second Schuck, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Vickerman gave balances and status of the various funds that the Utility and City have. She asked the Council to consider looking at charges and interest rates of other banks, due to the high charges that both the City and Utilities have been paying. The Council and Commission asked Vickerman to look into other options for comparison.

**Dam and Hydro Update:**

Vickerman reported that we are unaware yet if any funds will be received through the bonding bill. She noted that she and Wagner were working on the loan funds through the USDA.

**Earth Day Events 2010:**

Vickerman asked how much should be spent on Earth Day this year. She noted in the past they have done items for the kids. O'Connor made a motion to spend up to \$150 for items for the kids this year, second Evenson, motion carried. Vickerman also noted that notices would be sent out for City Wide clean up and that gloves and bags would be provided. She asked the Council if they wanted to have the junk clean up as well where the Waste Management trucks take in appliances and junk at the softball field. She noted that this year it would cost to do this and the cost is dependent upon how much junk is brought down there. O'Connor made a motion to provide the junk clean up, second Dybing, motion carried.

**Farmer's Market:**

Rahn made a motion to approve the Farmer's Market's requests as presented, second Dybing, motion carried. Allen asked that the Farmer's Market give an annual report at one of the next meetings.

**John Dahle Access from Zenith:**

John Dahle had asked to have an access off of Zenith to his property so that he could build a garage in the back of his property. He noted that it would be hard to access it from his existing driveway. Rahn asked for the request to be reviewed by the Street Supervisor and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**ADJOURN:**

With no further business at 6:50 p.m., O'Connor made motion to adjourn, second Dybing, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobbie Vickerman  
City Administrator/Clerk